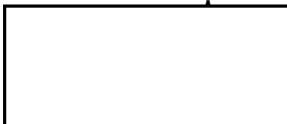


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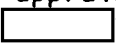
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Gen. Lincoln D. Faurer, USAF  
Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Assessment of the Responsiveness of the  
SIGINT System to Requirements

1. Following-up our discussions of 14 September, I believe it would be useful to establish an ad hoc ICS/NSA working group to develop procedures for assessing the responsiveness of the SIGINT system to stated requirements. Although our assessment needs and responsibilities differ, there is a broad area of mutual concern and a uniform procedure should be beneficial to both of us.

2. In order to define the task in general terms, I suggest that the ad hoc group begin by appraising the quality and appropriateness of the requirements which are being levied currently. Once that effort is complete, they could take on the primary task of developing procedures for measuring how the system actually reacts to them and of recommending ways to monitor this reaction.

3. I am certain that your requirements for assessment data will be more specific and wide-ranging than ours, covering the entire spectrum of activities that are of concern to you as a program manager. Ordinarily, ICS needs will be more general. We must monitor overall performance and also make occasional episodic appraisals of individual SIGINT systems including those for which the  is program manager. As envisioned here, timely output data from NSA could be integrated with information which we would furnish on customer satisfaction and the availability of intelligence from other disciplines to yield an assessment we each could use advantageously.

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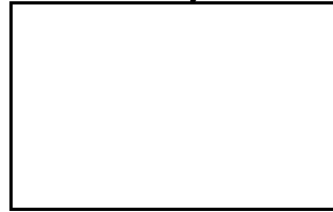
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4. If you concur with this approach,  of my staff will be available to work with whomever you designate to get the working group under way, to draft a charter, and to ensure that the necessary follow-up actions are taken expeditiously.

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